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By this amendment, claims 1 and 10-12 are amended. Claims 3, 4, 6, 9 and 13-18 are cancelled. Claims 28-39 are new. Claims 10, 11 and 21-27 were previously withdrawn. Claims 1, 2, 5, 7, 8, 10-12 and 19-39 will be pending upon entry of this amendment.

Applicants previously submitted Amendment C on March 6, 2006 in response to the Final Office action. The undersigned subsequently realized that some of the submitted claims should have been cancelled or not submitted. The Examiner and the undersigned then had a telephone conference during which the undersigned and the Examiner agreed that a new Amendment in response to the Final Office action should be submitted. Applicants submit this Amendment D as the new amendment.

Regarding the new claims 28-39, claims 28 and 29 correspond to claims 28 and 29, respectively, of Amendment C; claim 30 corresponds to claim 32 of Amendment C; claims 31-33 correspond to claims 34-36, respectively, of Amendment C; claims 34 and 35 correspond to claims 38 and 39, respectively, of Amendment C; claims 36 and 37 correspond to claims 41 and 42, respectively, of Amendment C; and claims 38 and 39 correspond to claims 48 and 49, respectively, of Amendment C. The remainder of the new claims submitted in Amendment C is not being submitted in this amendment.

Applicants gratefully acknowledge the allowability of claims 9 and 13 if rewritten into independent form including all of the elements of the base claim and any intervening claims.

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Thus, pursuant to the Examiner's remarks, claims 9 and 13 have been rewritten into independent form. Claim 1 (the base claim of claim 9) is amended to incorporate all of the elements of claim 9; therefore, amended claim 1 corresponds to claim 9 rewritten into independent form. Similarly, new claim 28 corresponds to claim 13 rewritten into independent form including all of the elements of claim 1, its base claim.

Accordingly, claims 1 and 28 are submitted to be patentable over the references of record.

The other pending claims depend from either claim 1 or claim 28 and are therefore submitted to be patentable over the references of record for at least the same reasons as claim 1 or claim 28. Claims depending from claim 28 are identical to claims depending from claim 1. Thus, no new subject matter is introduced into the claims.

Applicants respectfully request rejoinder of withdrawn claims 10, 11 and 21-27 as they each depend from claim 1 which is allowable.

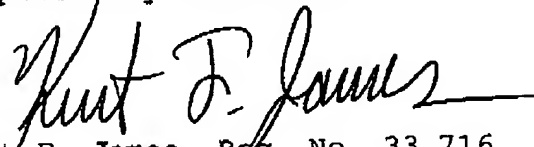
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In view of the foregoing, favorable consideration and allowance of claims 1, 2, 5, 7, 8, 10-12 and 19-39 is respectfully requested.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the amount of \$225.00 as fee for a two month extension to Deposit Account No. 19-1345.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency or overpayment of the required fee to Deposit Account No. 19-1345.

Respectfully submitted,



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